

recommendations. CSNAs from RSA Region IV states of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina were reviewed.

Prevent Blindness America (PBA). Leading volunteer eye health and safety organizations dedicated to preventing blindness and saving sight. PBA provides prevalence rates of blindness and visual impairment. Additional information includes the four leading eye diseases affecting older Americans, i.e., age- related macular degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. Also included is information about refractive errors such as myopia and hyperopia.

RSA-911 Data. Rehabilitation Service Administration 911 is a public access data base that provides information about individual characteristics, services provided, and employment outcomes at the point of closure from vocational rehabilitation. Records are comprised of approximately 600,000 individual case closures per year. RSA data are collected at the time of closure (termination) of VR services and the following statuses were used in this report: 08, 28, 30 and 26.

State Projection Report. Data provided for age, race and ethnicity projected every ten years through 2025. Data is used to project the number of individuals who are at risk of becoming blind or visually impaired.

U. S. Bureau of the Census Data. North Carolina census data provides current population estimates and projections, racial and ethnic groups, and state prevalence rates of blindness and low vision.

Surveys

Separate survey instruments were developed for administration to four groups: current and former DSB clients, DSB personnel (vocational rehabilitation counselors, independent living counselors, social workers and supervisors), community rehabilitation program administrators (CRP), and disability navigators (DN). The latter two groups were targeted to address issues described in the legislation that requires the